

SPMAGTF-CR-CC Commander's Sexual Assault Policy Statement



Honor, Courage, and Commitment are our Core Values. They define, among many other things, how we treat those whom we serve. Sexual assault runs counter to everything we swore to defend and honor and will not be tolerated. Sexual assault is destructive and will crush a unit's morale and esprit de corps. When a Marine or Sailor commits an act of sexual assault, it violates all trust between teammates, it irrevocably shatters lives, and its consequences are serious and far-reaching.

Sexual assault can take many forms: male on female, female on male, female on female, or male on male. However the outcome is the same: the assaulted is traumatized and all trust and confidence is violated.

No means exactly that: No. Furthermore, taking advantage of a person who is not in a condition to say no does not remove culpability.

Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force – Crisis Response – Central Command will maintain an aggressive education campaign on sexual assault and it will be emphasized repeatedly. We will also maintain a very active Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program. As such, Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVAs) are trained and prepared to handle all sexual assault cases, whether a victim wants to see official action or just have someone to confide in. We will work closely the Chaplain, the UVAs, and other designated members on the Base in order to support victims of sexual assault.

Training will be conducted at every opportunity and all leaders need to ensure that all members of the Command are cognizant of the destructive nature of sexual assault. Sexual assault is a crime, and it will not be tolerated within the MAGTF.

Marines do not assault Marines.


J. M. BARGER ON
Colonel
U. S. Marine Corps